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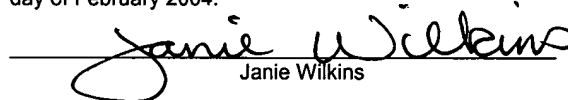
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The undersigned submits this response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, setting a shortened statutory period for reply expiring December 3, 2003 and extended until February 3, 2003. It is our understanding that claim amendments in a reissue application are still to be submitted in the form required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.173, rather than the Revised Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 recently promulgated by the PTO. If the undersigned is mistaken, the Examiner is requested to please contact the undersigned as soon as possible so that an amendment may be submitted in the proper format.

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